

**Spay/Neuter Program
Performance Review Committee Meeting
DDA
7/29/2010
1:00 PM**

Attendance

Kathy Gallagher	Lisa Tanielian	Murray Goldthwaite	Patrick Carroll
Gina Jensen	Anne Gryczon	Lauren Alberti	Jane Pierantozzi
Donna Gordon	Debbie Schwartz	Anne Cavanaugh	

OPENING REMARKS: (Kathy Gallagher)

- Roll Call
- Approval of 1/29/10 and 4/29/10 minutes. Motions passed unanimously.

UPDATES

Spay/Neuter Reports (Lisa)

- Printout of statistics from 6/30/2010 was provided to the group (summary below).

Legislation Issues (Lisa)

- Still working on Liheap. Finance system change by the state has slowed things down so set aside for now. Cannot get an answer out of the VA for the reason they no longer perform disability verification so want to proceed cautiously before adding new programs. Will probably end up being the copay and liheap.
- Senate Bill 280 – Shelter standards passed and was signed into law. Copies of legislation can be found on the shelters websites.

Nonprofit Allocation (Lisa)

- 3 additional nonprofit groups may be coming on Dumpster Cats – New Castle, Classic Cats - Smyrna, and Josie's Place - Millsboro
- There was a discussion on changing to a granting process vs. voucher process. Spoke with Tom. There is no other similar program in the State and he was concerned about requirements of legislation for changing to a granting process. Out of the \$600,000, only \$82,000 is available for nonprofits. If we went to a granting process, how would we maintain accountability? The law would have to be changed because it stipulates vouchers. The nonprofit side is using up much more money than the low income side. In May or June of next year, the allocation for nonprofits will have to be dropped to \$250 per month. The PRC committee should review the allocation between nonprofit and low income to suggest changing the percentage. We decided to keep with the current setup.
- We discussed about ways to find additional revenue streams.

Pricing – Shelter, Vet & Complications (Lisa)

- Kathy Gallagher has received all reports but the DHA who is currently working on it and should provide shortly.
- For 2010, we will use the new format for shelter statistics. Ann will provide a copy of the new format to DHA.
- Murray was asked if he could provide calendar year statistics for 2008.
- Lisa will provide preliminary information to the group by the end of the first week of August.
- There was a discussion of how to quantify shelter intake / euthanasia rates during the recession.

Mailings & Posters – DSS (Lisa)

- Postcards and posters were available at the State Fair.
- New mailing process will begin at the end of August with a target of September.
- Phone and mail volume increased with the last batch of mailings to 25-30 per day.

Other Business

- Kathy Gallagher is still searching for a new New Castle County Representative for the PRC Committee
- A new representative from Public Health has not yet been assigned.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next Meeting: Thursday, October 28th,